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Charlie Eckstein has a small shop and a large layout in the basement of his home in Alexandria, Va. The Potomac and Southern Railroad is On3 with a On2 branch line. It also has a On3 logging branch that connects with the main line. There is 150 feet of track plus passing sidings. The yard features a turntable and servicing facilities The track is hand laid and has scratch-built turnouts. Motive power is steam except for one diesel. The logging line uses geared locomotives. There is a PFM sound system with a "reverb" unit plus cassette recorder (for the air pumps).

Charlie's special interest is scratch-building locomotives. He has built a Climax completely except for motor. Even cut and bored his own Helix gears. He is presently employed as an engineering technician at the Harry Diamond Laboratories, Department of the Army, Washington, and has 33 years of government service.

Charlie served his machinist apprenticeship at the old Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. He enlisted in the army and served in the Infantry in the European theatre during World War II.

Charlie is a member of MER, first superintendent of the Dixie Division and Mid-Atlantic Narrow Gauge Guild.